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1. SINGAPORE/VIETNAM

TWO VIETS LANDED TWIN-ENGINE DC-3 AIRCRAFT IN SINGAPORE
WEDS/ SOUGHT POL ASYLUM. TOLD AUTHORITIES THEY LEFT VN
WHILE ON TRAINING FLIGHT. GOS OFFICIALS DECLINED SAY
WHETHER DEFECTION COULD BE CLASSIFIED AS HIJACKING, WHICH
PUNISHABLE BY LIFE IMPRISONMENT UNDER RECENTLY PASSED
LAW (REUTER SINGAPORE 3/22).
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2. VIETNAM/CAMBODIA

VIET NEWS AGENCY SAYS CAMBODIAN TROOPS KILLED MORE THAN 200
VIETS IN SONG BE PROVINCE LAST WK WHEN MORE THAN 1,000
CAMBODIAN TROOPS ENTERED VILLAGES 3/16. CLAIMS CAMBODIANS
"RUSHED INTO VIETNAMESE HOUSES, SHOOTING, STABBING AND
BEATING EVERYONE THEY ENCOUNTERED...SHOT AND KILLED ALL
SURVIVORS AND SET FIRE TO HOUSES" (REUTER HK).

3. INDONESIA

SUHARTO SWORN IN AT PEOPLE'S CONGRESS THURS FOR 3RD 5-YR TERM. IN BRIEF SPEECH FOLLOWING CEREMONY, PRES SAID HE WAS DEEPLY GRATEFUL TO CONGRESS/PEOPLE FOR THEIR CONFIDENCE (REUTER JAKARTA).

4. AUSTRALIA

GOA/INTL BANKING CONSORTIUM SIGNED AGREEMENT WEDS FOR RAISING 350-MIL-DOL LOAN ON EUROPEAN CAPITAL MKT (UPI FRANKFURT, JOC).

5. KOREA

CONTINUING TESTIMONY IN HANCHO KIM TRIAL, FORMER KCIA OPERATIVE SANG KEUN KIM CONCEDED 3/22 HE HAS GIVEN INCONSISTENT TESTIMONY, BUT ATTRIBUTED IT TO FAULTY MEMORY. KIM HAS OFTEN DISPUTED EARLIER STATEMENTS HE REPORTEDLY MADE TO FBI AFTER HIS DEFECTION/NOW SAYS CURRENT TESTIMONY "MOST ACCURATE VERSION" (ROBINSON, WP).

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KIM TESTIFIED HE WAS PERSUADED DEFECT TO US BY FORMER SUPERIOR, KIM HYUNG WOOK--WHO, KIM SAID, MADE ARRANGEMENTS W/FBI FOR NY MTG. FBI RECORDS READ AT TRIAL INDICATED S.K. KIM OFFERED TESTIFY ON KCIA/TONGSUN PARK SCANDAL, BUT KIM HAS INSISTED THAT IS NOT HOW HE REMEMBERS IT (O'LEARY, WSTAR 3/22).

TESTIFYING BEFORE HIRC SUBCMTE 3/22, SUN MYUNG MOON ASSOCIATE PAK BO HI ACCUSED CONGRESS/PRESS OF TRYING DESTROY MOON CHURCH. IN 1ST PUBLIC EFFORT REFUTE MOON CHURCH-KCIA CONNECTION, PAK SAID SUBCMTE INVESTIGATION ON INFLUENCE-BUYING HAS "NO GENUINE MOTIVATION IN SEARCH OF TRUTH." DENIED ALLEGATIONS HE WAS KCIA AGENT OR THAT MOON WORKED FOR ROKG, NOTING, ROKG "CANNOT AFFORD TO EMPLOY REV MOON'S SERVICES, EVEN IF THEY WANTED" (HALLORAN, NYT).

6. JAPAN

US SOURCES SAY US-JAPANESE CONSORTIUM IS MOVING TOWARD AGREEMENT W/USSR ON TECHNICAL/ECONOMIC FEASIBILITY OF MULTI-BIL-DOL PROJECT TO EXTRACT/EXPORT NATURAL GAS FROM SIBERIA. SAY PROGRESS MADE IN MOSCOW TALKS LAST WK TOWARD WORKING OUT PLANS, WHICH 1ST DISCUSSED IN

1972 (REUTER 3/22).

IN SPEECH TO AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IN TOKYO

DURING 6-DAY VISIT, PENN GOV SHAPP INVITED MORE JAPANESE FIRMS CONSTRUCT PLANTS IN HIS STATE. STATED TRANSFER OF OPERATIONS TO US BY JAPANESE CONCERNS WOULD ENABLE THEM PROTECT/INCREASE SHARE OF US MKT AT LOWER COST/PROVIDE INSURANCE AGAINST RISING PROTECTIONIST SENTIMENT (REUTER TOKYO 3/22; CULLISON, JOC TOKYO).

JAPAN/EUR SAID READY ISSUE JOINT COMMUNIQUE REAFFIRMING UNCLASSIFIED

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THEIR WILL TO CORRECT TRADE IMBALANCE. GOVT OFFICIALS SAID OPTIMISTIC ASSESSMENT OF JAPAN-EC TALKS SURFACED WHEN FUKUDA INSTRUCTED MITI INTENSIFY "GUIDANCE" OF JAPAN'S EXPORTS (UPI, JOC).

AGRIC/FORESTRY MINISTRY HAS DECIDED CANCEL SUGAR PRICE ADJUSTMENT LEVY ON AUSTRALIAN SUGAR STARTING 4/1 (UNICOM NEWS, JOC).

US-BASED JAPANESE STEEL EXEC FORECASTS US COALSHIPMENTS TO JAPAN WILL DECLINE SOME 30-PCT THIS YR DUE HIGHER COAL PRICES/REDUCED STEEL PRODUCTION AT JAPANESE MILLS (WSJ).

JAPANESE CHEMICAL CO CONSORTIUM HAS OFFERED BUILD PETROCHEM COMPLEX IN W BENGAL/SHARE 243-MIL-DOL FINANCING (DRIEBERG, JOC NEW DELHI).

GOJ PLANS OPEN NARITA AIRPORT 3/30, BUT SOURCES SAY ANTI-AIRPORT RALLIES SCHEDULED OCCUR ON DAILY BASIS BETW 3/26-4/2. CONSIDERED POSSIBLE RED ARMY MEMBERS MAY JOIN PROTESTORS BY STAGING SOME SORT DRAMATIC ATTACK (CULLISON, JOC TOKYO).

7. JAPAN/CHINA

CHRMN JAPAN STEEL CORP SAID MONDAY 8-YR JAPAN/PRC TRADE PACT SIGNED LAST MONTH WILL BE FRAMEWORK FOR "ENDLESS" EXCHANGE CHINESE OIL/COAL FOR JAPAN. FIRM ALSO PLANS SELL PRC STEEL MILL TO BE LOCATED IN SHANGHAI, W/CAPACITY PRODUCE 3 MIL TONS STEEL ANNUALLY BEGINNING 1980 (LAT'S JAMESON 3/21).

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JAPAN'S CHIEF CABINET SECRETARY SHINTARO ABE ANNOUNCED THURS JAPAN WILL RESUME TALKS W/PRC ON PFT. ABE SAID PM FUKUDA PLANNED SEND FONMIN SUNAO SONODA TO PEKING AT DATE YET TO BE ARRANGED (REUTER TOKYO).

8. CHINA

PRC FON TRADE MINISTER LI CHIANG LEFT PEKING 3/23 FOR VISITS TO EGYPT/BELGIUM/LUXEMBOURG/FRG. DURING TOUR, LI EXPECTED SIGN TRADE AGREEMENT W/EC/TRADE PROTOCOL W/EGYPT (REUTER PEKING).

USDA ROUNDUP OF WORLD AGRIC PRODUCTION/TRADE REPORTS PRC WINTER WHEAT CROP APPEARS IN GOOD CONDITION, EMERGING FROM DORMANCY EARLIER THAN NORMAL W/MINIMAL EVIDENCE WINTER-KILL (JOC).

FONMIN HUANG HUA 3/22 PRAISED NORWAY FOR SPIRIT OF INDEPENDENCE/SAID NO FUNDAMENTAL CONFLICT BETWN TWO COUNTRIES, DESPITE DIFFERING SOCIAL SYSTEM. HUANG MADE REMARKS AT BANQUET FOR VISITING NORWEGIAN FONMIN KNUT FRYDENLUND. BOTH FONMINS EXPRESSED HOPE FRYDENLUND'S VISIT WILL CONTRIBUTE TO FURTHER COOPERATION. NORWEGIAN DEL ARRIVED CANTON 3/20; WILL DEPART 3/27 (REUTER PEKING 3/22).

ACCORDING TENG HSIAO-PING, PRC REJECTED RECENT SOVIET PROPOSAL FOR IMPROVING RELS BECAUSE THERE HAD BEEN NO HINT OF SOLUTION TO THEIR 9-YR BORDER DISPUTE. TENG QUOTED BY FRG CHRISTIAN SOCIAL UNION, WHO HAD 90-MIN MTG W/HIM 3/23. TENG REPORTEDLY DESCRIBED PEKING'S REJECTION OF SOVIET MESSAGE AS "CATEGORICAL," AND SAID PRC INTENDS PUBLISH OFFICIAL EXPLANATION OF REASONS FOR REBUFF. TENG ALSO QUOTED AS SPEAKING ABOUT INEVITABILITY OF WAR W/MOSCOW, NEED FOR CHINA/JAPAN TO GET TOGETHER IN EAST, AND FOR W EUROPE/US TO OPPOSE SOVIETS--BUT TENG QUESTIONED UNCLASSIFIED

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WHETHER US HAS WILL/POWER TO CARRY THIS THROUGH (REUTER PEKING).

9. HONG KONG

JONES (LAT 3/22), IN INTERVIEW OF HK'S CHIEF SECRETARY SIR DENYS ROBERTS, REPORTS COLONY SEEKING END RELIANCE ON TEXTILE TRADE/DIVERSIFY INTO WIDER RANGE LIGHT INDUSTRIES. DENYS ALSO REPORTED HK BENEFITTING NOW FROM EMERGENCE MORE "LIBERAL" REGIME IN MAINLAND/NO EVIDENCE TO SUGGEST PRC INTENDS TAKEOVER COLONY WHEN UK'S LEASE EXPIRES. DENYS SAID PRC GETS 30 TO 40 PCT FON EXCHANGE THRU TRADE W/HK; AT PRESENT HK HAS HUGE DEFICIT IN TRADE BALANCE W/

CHINA. ESTIMATED PRC EXPORTED 1.6 BIL DOLS GOODS TO COLONY IN '76, WHILE IMPORTING ONLY ABOUT 5 MIL DOLS. DENYS NOW TOURING US TO MEET W/GOVT/BUSINESS LEADERS

10. VIETNAM

UK NAMES JOHN MARGETSON AS NEW AMB TO SRV; WAS HEAD OF CHANCERY IN SAIGON FROM '68 UNTIL HIS APPOINTMENT AS ASST HEAD SE ASIAN DEPT OF FON OFFICE IN '70 (UPI LONDON, JOC).

11. INDOCHINA REFUGEES

SEN EASTLAND'S WEDS ANNOUNCEMENT THAT HE WILL NOT SEEK 7TH TERM CLEARS WAY FOR SEN KENNEDY BECOME CHRMN SENATE JUDICIARY CMTE. ONE IMMEDIATE REACTION SEEN AS INCREASED HOPE FOR LEGISLATION TO ADMIT MORE VIET REFUGEES--WHICH KENNEDY/ADMIN HAVE FAVORED BUT EASTLAND HAS OPPOSED (NYT'S CLYMER; WSTAR'S TAYLOR, BOTH 3/22).

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12. HUMAN RIGHTS

GOSHKO (WP) REPORTS COALITION OF ACTIVIST HUMAN RTS ORGS CALLED ON CONGRESS 3/22 TO CUT OFF OR DRASTICALLY REDUCE US MIL AID TO 13 COUNTRIES GUILTY OF HR VIOLATIONS. LIST INCL PHILIPPINES, INDONESIA, SK, THAILAND. BY JUSTIFYING AID TO THESE/OTHER COUNTRIES ON GROUND THEY ARE IMPORTANT TO NATL SECURITY, COALITION SAID ADMIN RUNS RISK OF UNDERMINING CREDIBILITY OF HR POLICY.

IN LTR TO SFRC CHRMN SEN SPARKMAN (D-ALA), COALITION CHARGED DOS, IN ANNUAL HR STATUS REPORTS, HAD "TENDENCY TO UNDERESTIMATE" NUMBER POL PRISONERS AND FREQUENCY OF TORTURE/OTHER CRUEL PUNISHMENTS. AMONG ORGS IN GROUP ARE ADA, UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, FRIENDS CMTE FOR NATL LEGISLATION.

13. PACIFIC ISLANDS

IN EFFORT FIND SAFE PERMANENT HOME FOR BIKINI PEOPLE, US PLANNING AERIAL RADIATION SURVEY OF BIKINI/NEIGHBORING ATOLLS LATER THIS YR TO DETERMINE WHAT HAZARDS REMAIN FROM NUCLEAR TESTING DONE IN '40S/'50S. MEANWHILE, INTERIOR DEPT IS ASKING CONGRESS FOR 6 MIL DOLS TO INITIATE 15-MIL-DOL RESETTLEMENT PROGRAM (NYT'S WILFORD; ALSO WP'S PINCUS).

14. GENERAL

TIN PRODUCING COUNTRIES, CONCERNED OVER US PLANS SELL

45,000 METRIC TONS TIN FROM GSA STOCKPILE, WILL MEET IN BRITAIN IN APRIL TO WORK OUT JOINT APPROACH. AUSTRALIA/ INDO/MALAYSIA/THAILAND AMONG COUNTRIES EXPECTED ATTEND MEET TO BE HELD JUST BEFORE INTL TIN COUNCIL MEET IN LONDON. MALAYSIAN MIN SATUK AMAR TAIB MAHMUD MET W/BOLIVIAN

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OFFICIAL TUES TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE EFFECT SALE ON WORLD
TIN PRICES; SAID US SHOULD CONSULT COUNCIL/TIN PRODUCING
COUNTRIES BEFORE RELEASING STOCKPILE (REUTER KL 3/22).

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

15. KOREA

NYDN "MINI" EDIT SAYS JOHN MITCHELL MUST HAVE TOLD TRUTH
ABOUT NOT KNOWING OF FBI MEMO DETAILING FLOOD OF KOREAN
MONEY TO DEMS IN '68--"HELL, WITH THAT KIND OF GOOD CLEAN
DIRT" INVOLVING DEM LAWMAKERS, HARD TO IMAGINE MITCHELL
JUST "SITTING ON IT."

16. JAPAN

CSM PRINTS NY "TRIB" EDIT WHICH CITES "FORTUNE" MAG REPORT
THAT JAPANESE AGENTS "AGGRESSIVELY GATHERING" HI-TECHNOLOGY
INFO IN US "BY BOTH OVERT AND COVERT MEANS." QUOTES
INTEL CORP (SEMI-CONDUCTOR FIRM) PRES NOYCE THAT JAPANESE
"OUT TO SLIT OUR THROATS." NOYCE CLAIMS SITUATION HAS
BEEN BROUGHT TO USG'S ATTENTION, BUT LITTLE DONE SO FAR.
EDIT URGES WASHINGTON TAKE ACTION ON "THIS UNJUST
SITUATION."

STANFORD PROF PASCALE, IN HARVARD BUSINESS REVIEW ARTICLE,
"ZEN AND THE ART OF MANAGEMENT," DISCUSSES JAPAN'S TOTALLY
DIFFERENT BUSINESS PHILOSOPHY--WHICH HE CREDITS W/MUCH OF
JAPAN'S ECON SUCCESS. PASCALE SUGGESTS WEST PAY MORE
ATTENTION TO EASTERN PHILOSOPHY OF MANAGEMENT THAT USES
AMBIGUITY/EXTREME POLITENESS/STUDIES UNAGGRESSIVENESS TO
ACHIEVE RESULTS. SAYS DOING SO "MAY ENABLE US TO AVOID
USING SLEDGEHAMMERS WHEN FEATHERS WILL DO" (UPI, JOC).
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WSJ RUNS LENGTHY AD IN FORM 3 FEATURE-,YPE ARTICLES BY
JAPAN ECON RESEARCH CENTER SENIOR ECONOMIST SEKIGUCHI/
HONDA EXEC VP KAWASHIMA/DAIWA SECURITIES EXEC VP CHINO.
ITEMS SURVEY JAPAN'S CURRENT ECON POSITION/PRESENT HIGHLY
OPTIMISTIC FORECAST IN ALL FINANCIAL FIELDS. ARTICLES
ACCOMPANIED BY VARIOUS BANK/SECURITIES FIRMS ADS.

17. CAMBODIA

WP'S DOBBS (BELGRADE) REPORTS ON VISIT OF 4 YUGOSLAV
JOURNALISTS JUST BACK FROM PP--1ST FON REPORTERS OTHER
THAN CHINESE/VIETS TO VISIT CAMBODIA SINCE '75. SAYS
THEY FOUND CAPITAL'S NATL BANK IN "HEAP OF RUINS" W/SAFE

DEPOSIT BOXES LYING APPARENTLY UNTOUCHED BENEATH PILES OF RUBBLE; LIKE EVERYTHING ELSE ASSOCIATED W/OLD REGIME, MONEY HAS "SIMPLY BEEN ABOLISHED." QUOTES ONE JOURNALIST THAT THERE IS NEITHER MONEY/POST/TV/PUBLIC TRANSPORT/PHONE EXCHANGE/NOR UNIVERSITY. PP HAS BEEN REDUCED TO VILLAGE OF LESS THAN 20,000; CITY'S VILLAS/MANSIONS INHABITED BY SOLDIERS/PEASANTS LIVING SQUATTER-STYLE AMONG THEIR ANIMALS. SAYS THERE IS ONLY ONE STORE IN PP--OPEN 2 DAYS/WK FOR DIPLOS.

DOBBS SAYS NEW ORDER IN CAMBODIA APPARENTLY BASED ON VILLAGE SOCIAL UNITS: AGRIC COOP/MOBILE BRIGADE. SAYS PROPERTY, SUCH AS BICYCLES/SEWING MACHINES/ANIMALS, HELD IN COMMON. EACH COOP HAS CLINIC/ELEMENTARY SCHOOL; EVERYTHING DONE COMMUNALLY, FROM EATING TO BRINGING UP CHILDREN. JOURNALIST REPORTED NO FOOD SHORTAGES. MOBILE BRIGADES COMPOSED LARGELY OF YOUNG PEOPLE, WORKING IN TEAMS OF UP TO 20,000 WHO BUILD DAMS/DIKES, ETC.

18. INDOCHINA REFUGEES

WSTAR'S BARTLETT (3/22) SAYS THAT IN PLEADING FOR ASIAN UNCLASSIFIED

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REFUGEES, BAYARD RUSTIN/88 BLACK LEADERS, WHO TOOK OUT ADS IN WKEND PAPERS, DISPLAYED HEARTENING FLASH COMPASSION THAT SURMOUNTS NARROW CONCERNS. SAYS THEY HAVE MANIFESTED "LARGER,BOLDER SPIRIT" THAN CARTER ADMIN WHICH HAS "DALLIED" FOR MONTHS OVER REFUGEE PROBLEM.

BARTLETT NOTES THERE ARE OBVIOUS DRAWBACKS TO ANNOUNCING OPEN ADMISSIONS FOR REFUGEES IN TIMES HIGH UNEMPLOYMENT, BUT SAYS RUSTIN ET AL SAW POINT: IF USG LACKS COMPASSION FOR THESE DISPOSSESSED PEOPLE, IT'S UNLIKELY BE FIRM IN COMPASSION FOR AMERICA'S POOR. NOTES BRZEZINSKI/VANCE BOTH SHARE THIS POINT OF VIEW.

BARTLETT CALLS ON CONGRESS TO ENACT REFUGEE LEGISLATION, SAYS W/BLACK/LABOR REASSURANCES OF THEIR WILLINGNESS TOLERATE JOB COMPETITION, CARTER SHOULD ACT IMMEDIATELY. VANCE

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